



Ohio's distracted driving law does not allow a person to operate a motor vehicle while using, holding, or physically supporting with any part of the person's body an electronic wireless communication device (EWCD).

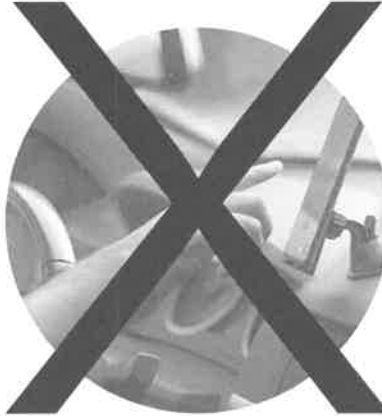
— Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4511.204

## PHONES DOWN IT'S THE LAW

You can now be pulled over by law enforcement for violating this law. Some examples of what is generally prohibited are:



Texting / browsing  
the internet



Entering address  
into GPS device



Holding phone unless  
to your ear for a call

Certain exemptions apply. You can find out more about the new law and the exemptions at [PhonesDown.Ohio.gov](http://PhonesDown.Ohio.gov).

### Penalties for Violating ORC 4511.204

| Priors within 2 years | Fine               | Points | Suspension                                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| 0 (1st offense)       | Up to \$150 * & ** | 2 **   | N/A                                          |
| 1 (2nd offense)       | Up to \$250 *      | 3      | N/A                                          |
| 2+ (3rd + offense)    | Up to \$500 *      | 4      | Court may impose a 90-day license suspension |

\* Fine is doubled in a construction zone

\*\* On a first offense, instead of a fine and points, the offender can attend a distracted driving safety course.

**REMEMBER** – It is still illegal for drivers under 18 to use any electronic device while driving, even hands-free, or while sitting at a traffic light (ORC 4511.205). Some exceptions apply.

See [PhonesDown.Ohio.gov](http://PhonesDown.Ohio.gov) for more information.

Although there are exceptions to ORC 4511.204 and 4511.205, if distracted driving leads to other traffic violations, the distracted driving penalty enhancement of ORC 4511.991 may still apply. **Remember, all distracted driving is unsafe!**